

***AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE***  
**MINUTES for meeting of**  
**February 6, 2003**

**Meeting held at:**

**Development Services Center  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room  
1222 First Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92101**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**

Janet Anderson  
Nico Calavita  
Michael Conroy  
Mike Galasso  
Robert Griswold  
Chuck Hoffman  
Horace Hogan  
Robert Kevane  
Jack McGrory  
Sue Reynolds  
Andrea Skorepa  
Darryl Steinhouse  
Michael Turk

**Members Absent**

Risa Barron  
Gordon Carrier  
Donald Cohen  
Steve Doyle  
Richard Lawrence  
Father Henry Rodriguez  
Paul Shipstead

**Staff Present**

Tina Christiansen  
Hank Cunningham  
Charlene Gabriel  
Bill Levin  
Elizabeth Morris  
Allyn Motter  
Susan Riggs Tinsky  
Penni Takade  
Mike Westlake

The Affordable Housing Task Force was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

The minutes of the January 23, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved.

The chairperson, Jack McGrory, reported on the brief presentation he gave to the Housing Commission on January 31<sup>st</sup> regarding the goals and scope of work of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Mr. McGrory reminded the subcommittee chairs to stay in touch with the City staff liaisons to assist them in pursuing their goals. Each of the four subcommittees then reported on their progress:

**Subcommittee 2 – Development, Regulations, and Incentives**

Mike Turk, subcommittee chairperson, reported that the subcommittee met with the Mayor regarding military and senior housing. There is a shortage of 6,000 units for military housing and for seniors, while the exact number of housing shortage is not known, the problem is accelerating. Due to rising displacement, there has been an increase in senior homeless.

### **Subcommittee 3 – Finance**

Darryl Steinhouse reported that this subcommittee has been dividing up their assignments amongst the group and will follow up at each meeting. It was agreed that this subcommittee would explore the issue of some type of fee linked to development, which could be used as a source of income to the Housing Trust Fund.

### **Subcommittee 4 – Preservation and Renters and Homeowners Issues**

Robert Griswold, subcommittee chairperson, reported that this committee has recently explored tenant's issues with Steven Kellman of the Tenant's Legal Center of San Diego. The subcommittee is looking at ways to minimize the number of credit check fees that a tenant must pay when looking for a rental and improve tenant access to information regarding tenant's rights. There is a concern that there is a lack of enforcement of penalties against code violation. The issue of replacing housing that has been supplanted by commercial development or school districts will be discussed by this subcommittee.

### **Subcommittee 1 – Identification of Issues**

Horace Hogan, subcommittee chairperson, reported that this committee would be hosting two professors, Dr. Alan Gin and Dr. Andrew Allen, to speak on current and future housing needs in the region. This subcommittee also agreed to explore further the issue of Military, senior and disabled housing needs.

Hank Cunningham, Community and Economic Development Director and Assistant Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency, spoke on affordable housing financing issues and particularly the potential effects of the State deficit. Mr. Cunningham is also assisting the Finance Subcommittee in their efforts.

Susan Baldwin, Senior Regional Planner for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), spoke on regional housing issues, identifying problems and potential solutions. Ms. Baldwin agreed to provide information or meet with Subcommittee 1 in order to assist them in their efforts.

Isam Hasenin, Chief Building Official for the Development Services Department, spoke on the benefits and potential of adopting the International Residential Code. Mr. Hasenin also touched on accessibility issues such as adaptability and visitability. Subcommittee 2 agreed to explore the issue of accessible housing in more detail.

The presentation by Mike Westlake, Program Manager for the Development Services Department, and the discussion of infrastructure needs was trailed to the next task force meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**The next scheduled meeting is: Thursday, March 6, 2003 @ 12 noon  
Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Training Room**